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Applicant:	H. Robert Horvitz et al.	Art Unit:	1632
Serial No.:	08/984,178	Examiner:	Ram Shukla
Filed:	December 3, 1997		
Title:	CLONING SEQUENCING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF TWO CELL DEATH GENES AND USES THEREFOR		

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, applicant hereby petitions to have the Notice of Abandonment that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on August 7, 2003, withdrawn. A copy of the Notice is enclosed. According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135 for applicant's failure to reply to a Notice of Allowance that was mailed on April 2, 2003. However, as explained below, no Notice of Allowance was received by our office in connection with the above-referenced application.

The undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on August 11, 2003, upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and

submits that this petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(1).

Applicants note that a review of Clark & Elbing LLP's computerized docketing records and the file jacket indicates that the Notice of Allowance was never received. On August 21, 2003, in a telephone conference with Examiner Shukla, applicants requested copies of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability, which were received on August 25, 2003. A review of these documents showed that they were mailed to the incorrect mailing address.

Applicants note that the Office was promptly notified of a change in correspondence address in a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 23, 2002, which called attention to the fact that a change of address was being made and requested that all future correspondence be mailed to a new correspondence address.

The following documents are submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(2) as proof that no Notice of Allowance was received:

1. A copy of the redacted docket record for July 2, 2003, showing all replies docketed for July 2, 2003; and
2. A Declaration of Kristina Bieker-Brady, Ph.D supporting the foregoing facts.

Also enclosed are original signed declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(3) by:

1. Guy E. Beardsley, attesting on the basis of personal knowledge that no reply was docketed for July 2, 2003.

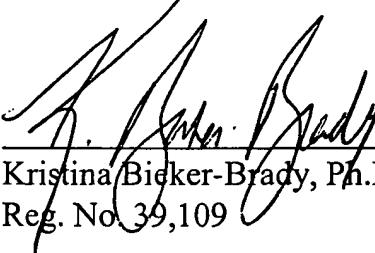
In addition, a Preliminary Amendment, filed on August 23, 2002, is submitted as evidence that a change of correspondence address was promptly filed.

Applicant requests that the Notice of Abandonment be now withdrawn.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 6, 2003


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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on _____.

A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.

(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).)

No response has been received.

Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.

The submitted issue fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____.

The issue fee has not been received.

Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.

Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.

The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.

No proposed new formal drawings have been received.

The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.

The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

The reason(s) below:

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CONTACT PERSON IS:
TOM HAWKINS

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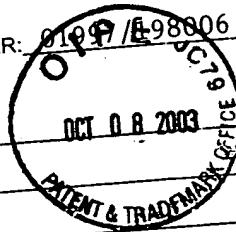
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